

New York City Watershed New York

Environmental Infrastructure Assistance

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The water supply for the City of New York is composed of three watershed system. Together, these systems provide water for 8 million residents in New York City, as well as 1 million residents north of the City. The Catskill and Delaware systems lie west of the Hudson River, covering an area of approximately 2000 square miles. The Croton System, which includes the Kensico and West Branch Reservoirs, is east of the Hudson River.

The New York City Watershed Environmental Assistance program establishes a process for providing design and construction assistance to non-Federal interests for publicly owned water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development practices in an eight county portion of the New York City watershed. The eligible projects include water supply, storage, treatment, and distribution facilities and surface water resource protection and development.

AUTHORIZATION: The project was authorized in Section 552 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996. The authorization totals \$56,667,000. The Federal share is 75% or \$42,500,000 and the non-Federal share is 25% or \$14,167,000.

STATUS: A total appropriation of \$13,000,000 for the program was made during Fiscal Years 1997 through 2002. The State of New York is the sponsor for the program and has recommended 31 projects for execution. The Corps of Engineers is currently negotiating the agreements for the recommended projects with the local sponsors of the projects. The Project Cooperation Agreements have been executed by the local sponsors and the Corps of Engineers for the following projects: Prattsville Stream Project, Watershed Planning Project for the Schoharie and Stony Clove Watersheds, Delaware County Phosphorus Study, Westchester County Stormwater Study, Farm Assessment Project in Putnam County and design projects for sewers in the Towns of Brewster, Patterson, New Castle and Bovina. Construction on the Broadstreet Hollow Stream Restoration Project was completed in November 2000. The agreements have been executed with the NYCDEP on April 23, 2002 for the designs of 2 stream restoration projects, Chestnut Creek and Stony Clove Creek. The agreement for the construction of the Bruce Street Stormwater Infrastructure project was executed on September 5, 2002 and the project is 75% complete and will be completed in Summer 2003. Construction work on the Saw Mill Pump Station is 95% complete. Construction work is on-going for the Frost Valley Model forest. The State of New York has recommended an additional 4 projects, Sewer Inflow Reduction in the Villages of Walton and Stamford, a stream restoration project on the West Kill River in Greene County and a feeding program in Delaware County. Discussions have begun with the project sponsors for these new projects.

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Cost \$42,500,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost \$14,167,000

Total \$56,667,000

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